

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[48] Users and devices in a peer-to-peer collaboration system can join a management domain in which members are administered as a group by a centralized management server operated by an enterprise. In response to an administrator request to join the management domain, the user downloads an injectible identity file containing a definition of the managed user/device into the user system. The user then joins the managed domain by associating the injected identity with their actual identity. Once a user or device is part of a management domain, that user or device receives license rights and policy restrictions that are associated with the domain. In return, the management server interacts with the individual peer-to-peer collaboration systems to enable the enterprise to monitor the usage of, and control the behavior of, that specific identity within the peer-to-peer collaboration system.